Raids to detect tax evasion and unaccounted wealth

206. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN:

SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of raids so far conducted during 1985-86 at the premises of various companies, individuals and officers of different departments to unearth tax evasion and accumulation of unaccounted wealth by corrupt practices and what is the amount recovered by such raids;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government against such companies/individuals; and

(c) what other steps Government propose to take to check accumulation of wealth through corrupt practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) During the financial year 1985-86 (1-4-1985 to 31-1-1986), Income-tax Department has conducted 5628 searches and seized, *prima facie* unaccounted assets worth Rs. 38.85 crores approximately.

All necessary steps including legislative, administrative and institutional are being taken from time to time against tax evaders.

Information in respect of searches conducted by C.B.I. is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Tourism in Orissa

207. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the programmes proposed to be implemented by the India Tourism Development Corporation in Orissa during 1986-87;

(b) how many foreign tourists have visited Orissa through India Tourism Development Corporation during 1985-86;

(c) whether the media are utilised for publicity to attract foreign tourists for visiting tourist spots in Orissa; if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what are the facilities such as boarding, lodging and transportation available in Orissa particularly in Puri and Konark to attract foreign tourists;

(e) whether there is any proposal under Central Government's consideration to develop the sea beach from Puri to Konark, which is one of the finest in the world, during the Seventh Plan period; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) During 1986-87 ITDC proposes to complete the following ongoing projects:

(1) Expansion of the existing Hotel Kalinga Ashok Bhubanehwar by addition of 36 rooms with upgradation of facilities to 4-star standard.

(2) 44-room joint venture hotel propect at Puri being constructed in collaboration with the Orissa Tourism Development Corporation.

(b) 940 foreign tourists stayed in ITDC accommodation units in the state of Orissa during 1985-86 (Upto January, 1986).

(c) Various important tourist spots in Orissa have been publicised through brochures, pamphlets, directories, folders, maps, films, etc. to attract foregin tourists to the State of Orissa.

(d) ITDC is providing the following Accommodation and transport facilities in the State of Orissa:—

Name of the Unit	Capacity
Hotel Kalinga Ashok, Bhubaneshwar (2 star)	35 rooms 70 beds
Travellers lodge at Konark	4 rooms 14 beds

Ashok Travels & Tours Counter at Bhubaneshwar is providing transport facilities to the tourists through Orissa Tourism Development Corporation and other private entrepreneurs.

(e) and (f) The coastline between Puri and Konark has been identified as one of the major beach destinations for comprehensive development during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

The Government has relaxed the ban relating to civil works along the sea-shore. Instead of the earlier restriction of 500 meters, civil works would now be allowed beyond 200 meters from the high tide line subject to certain safeguards.

Following schemes have already been sanctioned for Puri-Konark area:

(1) Toilet block near Sun Temple at Konark

(2) Yatrika at Puri

(3) Yatri Niwas at Konark

Rubber depots of STC in the country

208. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of imported natural rubber depots of the State Trading Corporation in the Country and where they are located;

(b) what are the criteria for locating such depots;

(c) what are the reasons for not opening such depots in the Eastern region where the rubber industry is concentrated;

(d) whether, in the absence of such depots in the Eastern region, Government have any plan to give some incentives to the rubber industry of the region so as to make its products competitive; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (e) Rubber consumption in India in 1984-85 was of the order of 2,17,00 tonnes. The rubber industry is spread all over the country, although the Northen Zone accounts for around 40 per cent consumption. The private sector plays the major role in rubber distribution. STC handles less than 15 per cent of the rubber consummed. This quantity is imported to meet the gap between supply and demand. It maintains a depot in Madras for handling the imports. In addition there are two depots at Delhi and Faridabad. STC does not consider the opening of additinal depots a viable proposition. Since the rubber industry is well distributed, no specific incentives regarding location of such industries other than those covered by the Industrial Policy are considered necessary.

Credit-deposit ratio of banks operating in Kerala

209. SHRI M.M. JACOB: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of branches of nationalised banks operating in Kerala at present and

(b) what is the credit-deposit ratio of these branches bankwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The total number of branches of 20 Nationalised